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Examiner Sellers:

Further to our conversation this morning, please find attached Applicants' election of species.

Applicants also elect Group I, claims 1-10 and 12-21, with traverse. If you have any questions, I can be reached at (202) 857-2248.

Regards,

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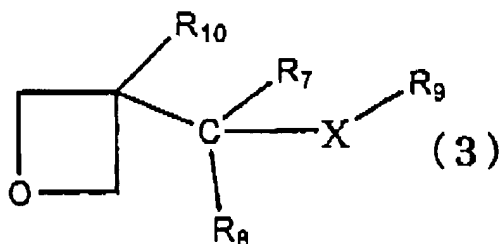
Group I (Claim 1-10 and 12-21)

Elected Species:

A-1:

Applicants elect species of $n = 1$ in formula (1) of Claim 1.

Examples of elected species are oxetane monomers of formula (3):



In formula (3), R_7 and R_8 independently denote hydrogen atoms or alkyl groups, which may have a substituent; the number of carbon atoms in the alkyl groups is preferably 1 to 24, and more preferably 1 to 10. R_9 is a straight- or branched-chain alkyl group that has at least 4 carbon atoms, and preferably 4 to 24 carbon atoms, and may have a substituent. X denotes $-CH_2$ or, preferably, an oxygen atom.

A-2:

Applicants elect species of $n = 0$ in formula (1) of Claim 1.

Examples of elected species are EKP-206 and EKP-207 (Spec. p13, line 5; and Example 1). As for chemical structures of EKP-206 and -207, a copy of Technical Bulletin of Shell Chemical Company (Spec. p23, lines 17-19) is attached for Examiner's information.

A-3:

Applicants elect species of onium salts in Claim 1 (Spec. p15, line 3).

An example of onium salt is Rohdia 2074 used in Examples.

B:

Applicants select species that is generally known as "a tackifier" (Spec. p16, line 5 up) in Claim 1.

An example of tackifiers is Hydrogenated petroleum resin Regalite 1090 which is used in Example 1.

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